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Subject: Cultivation of Marijuana arrests

Members of Statewide Narcotics Task Force-Eastern Office recently served several arrest warrants for individuals who had been identified as being responsible for growing marijuana in eastern Connecticut during the summer of 2004. These arrests are part of the continuing efforts of SNTF and the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in eradicating domestically grown marijuana.

On 01/07/05, SNTF arrested Curtis Kinne, age 27, of 52 Lisbon Road, Canterbury, CT for Cultivation of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana and possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Mr. Kinne turned himself in at Troop E in Montville after learning that an arrest warrant had been issued as a result of a September 11 2004 investigation. During that investigation SNTF located and seized 359 marijuana plants from several locations around Mr. Kinne's home at 52 Lisbon Road, Canterbury, CT. The quantity of marijuana plants seized could have a potential street value in excess of \$570,000. Mr. Kinne was released on a \$2,500 non-surety bond and is due to appear in Court on 1/19/05 at GA 11 in Danielson. He was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Cultivation of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On 1/7/05, SNTF arrested Brian C. Gagnon age 51, of 549 Canterbury Road, Brooklyn, CT for Possession of over 4 ounces of Marijuana and Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell. Mr. Gagnon turned himself in at Troop E in Montville after learning that an arrest warrant had been issued as a result of a September 11, 2004 investigation. During that investigation SNTF located and seized 140 marijuana plants growing in his back yard as well as over 4 ounces of harvested marijuana from within his house. The quantity of marijuana seized could have a potential street value in excess of \$222,000. Mr. Gagnon was released on a \$2500 non-surety bond and is due to appear in court on 1/19/05 at GA 11 in Danielson.

On 1/5/05, SNTF arrested David Beacham, age 56, of 710 Pendleton Road, North Stonington for Cultivation of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Mr. Beacham turned himself in at Troop E in Montville after learning an arrest warrant had been issued as a result of a July 30th 2004 investigation. During that investigation SNTF located 14 Marijuana plants. The quantity of Marijuana seized could have a potential street value in excess of \$22,000. Mr. Beacham was held on a \$7,500 court set bond and was transported to GA 10 for arraignment.

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On 1/3/05, SNTF arrested Scott W. Runkle Sr., age 37, of 53 Richardson Hill Road, Griswold, CT for Cultivation of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Mr. Runkle turned himself in at Troop E in Montville after learning that an arrest warrant had been issued as a result of an August 31, 2004 investigation. During that investigation SNTF located 12 marijuana plants in his back hard. The amount of marijuana seized has a potential street value in excess of \$18,000. Mr. Runkle was released on a \$2,500 Non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear in court on 1/13/05 at GA21 in Norwich.

On 1/3/05 SNTF arrested Shayne A. Daggett Jr, age 27, of 6 Plainfield Pike, Plainfield, CT for Cultivation of Marijuana, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Mr. Daggett turned himself in at Troop E in Montville after learning that an arrest warrant had been issued as a result of a July 23, 2004 investigation. During that investigation SNTF located 5 marijuana plants behind Mr. Daggetts home. The amount of marijuana seized has a potential street value in excess of \$7,500. Mr. Daggett was released on a \$2,500 non-surety bond and is scheduled to appear in court at GA 11 in Danielson on 1/12/04.

These arrests are the result of Statewide Narcotic's and DEA's continuing efforts in domestic marijuana eradication. Other investigations are continuing and future arrests are expected. Anyone with information concerning drug activity is asked to contact the Statewide Narcotics Task Force at (860) 442-9491. All Calls will be kept confidential.

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